IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BLAKE LONGENECKER, : CIVIL ACTION NO.:

4:21-CV-01548-RDM

Plaintiff

Honorable Judge Robert D. Mariani

V.

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WEIS MARKETS, INC, d/b/a

WEIS MARKETS : JURY TRIAL OF TWELVE (12)

DISTRIBUTION CENTER and : JURORS DEMANDED

PAUL MILLER, Individually, and

in his capacity as Distribution

Center Human Resource Manager, :

:

Defendants :

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AS TO DEFENDANT MILLER

Pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,

Defendant Weis Markets, Inc. ("Defendant Weis") and Defendant Paul Miller

("Defendant Miller") (collectively, "Defendants"), by their undersigned attorneys,
hereby move to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint with respect to the claims against

Defendant Miller brought in the above-captioned action. The basis for this Motion
is fully set forth in the Brief in Support, which has been filed this date and is
incorporated herein by reference. In further support hereof, Defendants state as
follows:

1. As to Counts I and II, violations of the Americans with Disabilities

Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. ("ADA"), there is no theory for individual liability

under the ADA and, therefore, Plaintiff's claims under the ADA should dismissed with respect to Defendant Miller.

- 2. As to Count III, violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951 et. seq. ("PHRA"), Plaintiff has failed to state a claim for aiding and abetting and, therefore, Plaintiff's claim under the PHRA should be dismissed with respect to Defendant Miller.
- 3. As to Count IV, violation of the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act, 35 P.S. § 10231.101 et. seq. ("MMA"), there is no cause of action under the MMA for individuals as opposed to employers and, therefore, Plaintiff's claim under the MMA should be dismissed with respect to Defendant Miller.
- 4. As to Count V, wrongful termination in violation of public policy, there is no individual liability for a wrongful termination under this Court's precedence. In the alternative, Plaintiff has failed to state a claim for wrongful termination against Defendant Miller as an individual. Therefore, Plaintiff's claim for wrongful termination should be dismissed with respect to Defendant Miller.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant this Motion to Dismiss as to Defendant Miller and dismiss the Complaint in its entirety as it relates to Defendant Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17th day of November, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint as to Defendant Miller was served upon counsel by way of the Court's Electronic Filing System as follows:

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